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FOR EB: MARINERS WARNING INFORMATION

E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJECT: TERRITORIAL WATER BILL:

REF: A1112, MARCH 6, 1977

1. ON MARCH 29, JAPANESE CABINET APPROVED AND SENT TO THE DIET A BILL TO EXTEND JAPAN'S THREE-MILE TERRITORIAL LIMIT TO 12 MILES. IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT THE BILL WILL BE PASSED DURING THE CURRENT DIET SESSION; I.E. BY MAY 28. ONCE PASSED, ITS DATE OF EFFECTIVENESS SHALL

BE DECIDED BY CABINET ORDER. ACCORDING TO THE BILL, THE DATE SET SHALL BE WITHIN THREE MONTHS OF PROMULGATION OF THE LEGISLATION.

2. TEXT OF THE BILL IS AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE. (EXTENT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS)

ART. 1. JAPAN'S TERRITORIAL WATERS SHALL BE SEA AREAS WITHIN 12 MILES OF COASTAL BASE LINES.

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(BASE LINE)

ART. 2. THE BASE LINE SHALL BE A STRAIGHT LINE TO BE DRAWN AT THE LOW TIDE LINE, THE MOUTH OF A BAY, WITHIN A BAY, OR THE MOUTH OF A RIVER. HOWEVER, THE BASE LINE OF THE SETONAIKAI, WHICH IS AN INLAND SEA, SHALL BE THE BOUNDARY LINES BETWEEN OTHER SEA AREAS WHICH SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A CABINET ORDER.

2. CRITERIA FOR THE BASE LINES PROVIDED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH AND OTHER DETAILS NECESSARY FOR DECIDING THESE BASE LINES SHALL BE PROVIDED BY A CABINET ORDER.

(SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS)

(ENFORCEMENT DATE)

1. THE ENFORCEMENT DATE OF THIS LEGISLATION SHALL BE DECIDED BY A CABINET ORDER WITHIN THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF PROMULGATION OF THIS LEGISLATION.

(EXTENT OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IN SPECIFIC SEA AREAS)

2. FOR THE TIME BEING THE FOLLOWING SEA AREAS SHALL BE EXEMPTED FROM THE PROVISIONS OF ART. 1: SOYA STRAIT, TSUGARU STRAIT, EAST AND WEST TSUSHIMA STRAITS AND OSUMI STRAIT. THE LIMITS OF TERRITORIAL WATERS IN THE FORE-MENTIONED STRAITS SHALL EXTEND TO THREE MILES FROM THEIR COASTAL BASE LINES.

3. THE EXTENT OF THE SPECIFIC TERRITORIAL WATERS AND BOUNDARIES PROVIDED IN THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPH SHALL BE DECIDED BY A CABINET ORDER. UNQUOTE.

3. EMBASSY WILL ADVISE DEPARTMENT OF EFFECTIVE DATE AS WELL AS OTHER RELEVANT CABINET DETERMINATIONS WHEN MADE.  
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